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A CHANGE OF EDITORS.

The Publications Committee of the Federal Council wish to express their sorrow that Mrs. H. G. Underwood does not feel able to continue the editorship of the "*Korea Mission Field*," and takes this opportunity of expressing the warm thanks of the Missionary Community of Korea for her unselfish labors during the four years she has had direction of this magazine. During her editorship the style and quality of the "*Korea Mission Field*" has considerably improved and its present high standard is due to many new features introduced by her.

We have pleasure in announcing that the Rev. Allen F. DeCamp, who was elected Associate Editor at the recent Federal Council Meetings, has consented to take up the Editorship and we bespeak on his behalf the sympathetic prayers and cordial contributions of all our subscribers and readers.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

Born September 18th, to Rev. and Mrs. Robert T. Coit, a son, Robert T. Coit, Junior.

Born at Chungju September 20th, Harry Pierce Leadingham.

Enthroned in his high chair on the proclamation side of a postal card, Master Willard Winn Erdman, announces to the Korea Field, "My sister, Marjorie Winn Erdman, was born on September 29th, and is doing well."

Miss E. C. Shields, of Seoul, sailed for the United States, on furlough, in September.

Miss Jeannie A. Pieters who has been sojourning in Seoul for some months, having found what she sought, in greatly improved health, returned to her home with her brother in Japan, October 6th.

Miss Millie Albertson arrived in Seoul at the close of her furlough, Sept. 9th. Miss Albertson was accompanied by her friend Miss Elizabeth Renick, who is not an accredited missionary, but comes to assist Miss Albertson in conducting her Woman's Bible Teachers Training School, as well as to do anything else possible for the furtherance of all missionary work. We very cordially welcome these ladies, the one to her old, and the other to her new, chosen field of labor.

The Rev. E. H. Miller, having resigned as principal of the John D. Wells Academy, in Seoul, the Presbyterian Mission, at its Sept. meeting in Pyeng Yang, transferred Rev. E. Wade Koons, of Chairyung, to fill that vacancy, and the Rev. A. A. Pieters, of Seoul, to Chairyung, to take the place vacated by Mr. Koons.

Rev. Thorn'on A. Mills, D.D., and his daughter, Miss Rae Mills, sailed from Yokohama for San Francisco, Oct. 2nd. The occasion for their going was the ill health of the young lady, who, in her very enthusiastic and successful work as a missionary in connection with Taiku Station, has been so lavish of her nerve force, as to make a prolonged rest in a changed environment, a necessary condition of her recovery. We earnestly hope and pray, that she will speedily win back her strength, and that she and her good father, in the not distant future, will return to their work among us.

The Methodist Mission, South is to be congratulated on the number of New Missionaries who have recently joined its staff, viz V. R. Turner and wife, Bert A. Powell and wife, and the Misses Oliver, Owings, Graham, and Eva and Bessie Hardie. Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Vesey, also, have connected themselves with this Mission, during the year just ended.

In the weekly prayer meeting for foreign missionaries in Seoul held on October 2nd, were present Rev. John Keers, missionary in Chinchoufu, Manchuria; Rev. and Mrs. George Davis, missionaries in Taian, Shantung, China; and Dr. Frame, a Missionary physician in Persia. During the meeting all these brethren spoke, giving us some idea, of the needs and the methods of the fields in which they labor.—They are visiting Korea that they may more truly know *our* work and methods, and come into more vitally sympathetic touch with ourselves.

The arrival in Seoul, on the evening of September 3rd, of the Misses Eva and Bessie Hardie, after an absence from this their home of nine years, in the United States for purposes of study, deserves more than a passing notice. They were wel-

came at the station, not alone by their parents, but by a goodly number of friends. When the young ladies stepped from the train and demonstrated that they had actually arrived, the happy hearts of the group were manifested in luminous faces and musical voices, which seemed to chant, as we marched toward the station exit, "Now we have you where we want you, now you are, where you belong!"

At the station exit there was another reception given by glad Amahs and others who had known the young ladies as little children, and whose poverty had prevented their access to the railway platform by the payment of a cent. This, indeed, was a touchingly beautiful picture which we cannot attempt to describe! Thus, the reunited family made its way to a glad home!

It was soon discovered that the home could not contain the joy, which fact expressed itself in an invitation from Dr. and Mrs. Hardie to friends to gather there and share it with them on the evening of September 9th. About two hundred responded, who met and welcomed the returned wanderers, greeted one another, listened to music, beheld the presentations of childhood's occupations, by the young gentlemen and ladies attired as "tots," partook of refreshments, and altogether spent a most enjoyable evening.

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT.

1.

He called me, from a life of selfish ease,

To follow Him, to suffer and to serve;

And, tho I feared the Master to displease,

I answered, with a thrill in every nerve:

"Shall I take up the task obscure and hard,

I who have never labored with my might?"

Yet patiently He said, "Thy strength I guard,

My yoke is easy, and My burden light."

2.

"But I have other plans, and larger views,

I hate the sinful, and the low, and mean."

Christ answered, "Learn of Me large faith to use,

What God hath cleansed that call not thou unclean."

"But if I leave my home and goods," I said,

"Shall I not hunger ere I reach the prize?"

"I am of life the Water and the Bread,

To satisfy all needs as they arise."

3.

"And shall I stumble out into the dark,

When all around me here at home is bright?"

"Yes, go," He said, "thyself a glowing spark,

I came to bring to all the world the Light."

"But in the pathway rough, how shall I know

That I am walking as is right and meet?"

"I am Myself, the Way," He answered low,

"A sure and easy one for holy feet."

4.

"There is so much of hardship and of pain,

So much of loss, so much to grieve, annoy!"

His face grew brighter,—“Yet 't is not in vain,

From these shall spring the fulness of My joy!"

"'T is so uncertain, "still my heart made cry,

The turmoils and the trials are so sure!"

"I leave My peace, fear not, and I am nigh

To comfort and sustain while days endure."

5.

"My home, my friends!" it came with fainting breath,

"Must I leave all, and dwell alone, apart?"

"Lo, I am with you all, through life and death,

And Love divine shall fold thee to His heart."

"But I am weak!" I cried on bended knee,

"I have no gift of speech, or touch divine."

"All power in heaven and earth is given me,—

Therefore go thou, for all is freely thine."

6.

My will was broken; falling in the dust

I cried, "O, Master, let me live for Thee!

I am 'as nothing, but in Thee I trust,

I recognize Thine all—sufficiency."

He led me forth into the ripened field,

My heart beat high to see the sheaves increase;

When, lo! the glory of His plan revealed,

My life itself was love, and joy, and peace.

ANNA RIEHL THOMPSON.

YENG BYEN WOMEN'S BIBLE CLASS.

The Fall Bible Class for the women of the Yeng Byen District, has just closed after ten days of earnest study of the Word. There were one hundred and thirteen women enrolled, many having come long distances, even two hundred and fifty and three hundred *li*, and not a few had burdens of clothing, books, and babies on their backs. We heard no word of complaint that the way was too long, the roads too rough, or the burdens too heavy, but with joyful faces and cheerful words of greeting they gathered for the tenth regular semi-Annual Bible Institute.

Mrs. Billings came from Pyeng Yang, and the native preachers and class leaders of our district joined us in forming the teaching staff. We are grateful for their assistance in making the class a success.

The equipment for Class work in Yeng Byen City is very good: a pleasant house with several rooms for the classes to meet in, and a dormitory in which to accomodate the country women who have no friends with whom to stay during their attendance upon the Class. By putting their little "mite" together and denying themselves perhaps more than they should, the women are able to meet the expense of food while here. Prices have become so high that it is becoming more and more a hardship for the women to attend; but, as yet, there has been no falling away, and the new class this year was gratifying, as twenty-four came for the first time and began the course of study.

The most interesting feature of this Class was the graduating exercises when two bright women received the first diplomas for having completed the five years course. One has been a splendid Bible woman in the work here from the first days with Mrs. Morris; the other one is the wife of a wealthy merchant living one hundred and fifty *li* from Yeng Byen. Although not strong physically she has always walked to the class having missed none since she started, and she has shown herself a remarkably bright student, able to grasp and give to others the blessed spiritual truths revealed by the Holy Spirit.

There would have been more to receive diplomas had not some been compelled to miss one class or two because of illness, and these will finish with later classes. From now on there will be a similar graduating service, with a larger number receiving the certificates as a reward of faithfulness, during the five years. The Koreans "love" diplomas, and their good prestige depends largely upon the possession of one or more—even our dear old Bible women feel the need of such a parchment sorely, if they would really accomplish great things among their people and be received well; and so it is a pleasure to give them one beautiful, satisfactorily worded certificate. This serves also to inspire faithful attendance and enthusiasm to the end, and adds one more bright spot in the lives of our dear women who have so little in this life to make for happiness and pleasure such as we of the Western world know.

The day of parting is a sad one, for these Koreans have a way of winding themselves around one's heart. Their earnest inquiry, "Pouin, when will you come to our town for a class," comes from so many remote places, that one longs for sufficient time and physical strength to go to them all, but many cannot have another class until they return in the spring. We do what we can of such class work during the winter throughout the district, and last winter in the few I was able to conduct, the average attendance was forty and fifty in the larger places, and twenty and thirty in smaller towns. The same women who study in Yeng Byen twice a year, also take advantage of the smaller class near home, and seem always to be wanting more and more of the Word. Many women who never get into the larger class here, are able to study in their

home town, and so we find the Class work the important and successful feature of this northern district. During January, the Bible women and Tithing Class women, trained by Miss Estey, cover the entire district two by two and a great campaign of Bible Study is carried on during that month.

Last winter in an issue of the "Korea Field" we read a most interesting article concerning the exposure and hardships endured by the women missionaries in country travels. I had just had prayer together with our women here and seen them set forth on their long journeys, facing the bitter wind and snow of a Northern Korean January, and heard their reports upon returning home, when this article came to my attention. It made me rejoice, and I know those other women are happy to be able to suffer some inconveniences and hardships for women who in their turn will go out and face the storms and cold, to give the gospel of hope and salvation to their own country women. One old Bible woman, fifty years of age, came back after walking over five hundred *li*, altogether, with her face exceedingly sore from the cold and winds, but with her heart overflowing with joy that the Lord had let them lead thirty-eight souls into the kingdom, in one place.

The Korean Church will stand through all the storms so long as her men, women and children continue to sacrifice their time and money to study the Word of God in these Classes and Institutes.

OLGA P. SHAFFER.

NEWS ITEMS FROM PYENG YANG.

After the Language School people left, the second week in July, Pyeng Yang reminded one of "The Deserted Village," so quiet—and dead it was. Then the resident foreigners began to leave for ten days, two weeks, or a month's vacation, as need and circumstances required, or permitted. By the middle of August most of those who had been able to get away for a while, were back home ready to take up work with renewed energy, and we have been a pretty busy community ever since.

Dr. Wells and family returned early in August. A few days later the hospital was in running order, and it surely was good to see its doors open again and a stream of people coming and going, morning and afternoon. The numbers of people who have flocked to the hospital for treatment every day since it has been opened, only show us, even more plainly than we had supposed, what a deprivation it has been to the Koreans to have had the hospital closed during the doctor's absence on furlough.

Mrs. Luckett, who came out under appointment of the Northern Presbyterian Board for work in the school for missionaries' children, also reached Pyengyang in August, and spent the latter part of the month

in conferring with the school committee in regard to plans for the coming year, and in getting the dormitory in readiness for the children who come here to school from the other stations. The dormitory looked very attractive and home like yesterday when the children came, and to-day everything is in running order, and the children are started on their school work. Miss Fish, the teacher who takes the place of Miss Trissel, arrived a few days ago from America. With the children so nicely started, and foundation work on the new dormitory well under way, the prospects for the school, in which we are all so much interested, seem very encouraging and bright.

Our new dormitory and bath room buildings for the Korean Womans' Bible Institute are nearing completion, and we hope to have them ready in time for the fall classes, which begin the last of this month. They are well built Korean buildings, adapted to the needs of the women who come here to attend classes, and to the Spring term of the Institute,—and when finished will make, with the buildings already erected, quite a complete plant for our women's work. We are certainly grateful to Mrs. Crowell, of Chicago, for her gift which has just enabled us to complete our Institute Compound.

The Southern Presbyterian Dormitory for their theological students, is also nearing completion. Work on it was begun in the Spring. It is hoped that the building will be ready for occupancy next Spring, when the men come up to seminary.

The boys' academy is in the opening process. I hav'nt heard how many of the hundred or more new applications that came in last Spring have been accepted, but it must have been a good number, for the walks around the Campus, seem teeming with boys, old and new. College, I believe, does not open until after Annual Meeting. The Woman's Academy opens then. Judging from the applications that have been coming in during the Summer, the prospects for a large attendance of girls, this coming year, are good.

MARGARET BEST.

REPORT OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U.S.A.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Northern Presbyterian Mission was held in Pyengyang Sept. 16th-25th. The day preceeding was given up to language examinations when a goodly number presented themselves for that, to most people, trying ordeal. The examinations came in for a good deal of criticism this year because of their length and severity. The fact that so many passed them so successfully is all the greater compliment therefore to their skill in mastering this difficult tongue. With a view to decreasing the annual flow of tears and palpitations of the heart

quarterly tests were ordered; the total of these tests to count 50% of the annual examination.

In the number and gravity and complexity of the questions that came up for discussion and decision the meeting this year was a record breaker. Some of the committees never had such hard times in making up their recommendations and never had them so altered before they were ready for adoption by the Mission.

The most important action taken was the decision to turn over all our work in the Southern Kyungsang Province where our Fusan Station is located, to the Australian Presbyterian Mission. That Mission has had a recent large addition to its force of workers and is expecting other workers soon so that they felt that they were in a position to work more territory than their present field. They therefore sent a delegation to our Mission asking that we turn over to them all the work of our Fusan Station and withdraw from that province. The Mission considered the request and after debating it for some time decided to accede to the request, providing the Board in New York gives its permission. This means that this Mission will turn over to the Australian Mission 101 groups and churches with a total adherentage of 3,816, of whom 1,887 are communicant members of the church.

This decision being reached, the next big question was how to dispose of the three families and one single lady who have constituted the membership of the Fusan Station. This was the most perplexing problem of the Mission, not because they were not wanted elsewhere but because they were wanted so much in more places than it was possible for them to settle in. The Mission has not received a single ordained worker for three years tho several have been lost in that time. Therefore the competition for the workers to be released from Fusan was long and keen but not bitter. It finally resulted in the assignment of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Blair to Taiku, Mr. and Mrs. Roger E. Winn to Andong, and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Winn and Miss Doriss to Pyeng Yang.

Rev. E. H. Miller, resigned as principal of the John D. Wells Training School in Seoul and Rev. E. W. Koons of Chairyung was appointed to succeed him. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will remain in Seoul but Mr. and Mrs. Pieters of Seoul were transferred to Chairyung to take the place vacated by the Koons. Keen disappointment was felt by Kangkai Station and many members of the Mission that Kangkai's earnest request for a single lady worker could not be met this year. Be it said to the credit of the single ladies of the Mission that four of them volunteered to go to that distant station of Kangkai and one even was willing to forego her regular furlough that the needs of Kangkai might be met. Despite it all the Mission could not arrange the matter, for the number of single lady workers is entirely inadequate to the needs of the Mission.

The next greatest question before the Mission was the question as to the assignment of some clerical worker to work among the two or three hundred thousand Koreans settled in various parts of Manchuria. The call for such a worker was loud and strong and the Mission spent much

time in considering the question. There has been a very large emigration from Korea into Manchuria for a few years past and many of these emigrants have been Christians. Our Southern Stations, especially, have lost many members, sometimes whole congregations have moved into Manchuria. In addition to these Christian immigrants there is already and has been for many years a large Christian population among the Koreans living in Manchuria. The present missionary force of Syen Chyun and Kangkai Stations have looked after this work as best they could but they already have enough work in their own immediate fields to occupy their full time and attention and the distance to the Manchurian work is so great that they have not been able to give that work the attention it demands and merits. So, strong effort was brought to bear upon the Mission to assign some one to take charge of that work. The Mission was keenly alive to the situation, deeply sympathetic with the need and desirous of meeting it, but the demands for reinforcement in the various Stations were so great that, to its sorrow, nothing could be done this year to meet this urgent call. The matter will be laid before the Board and it is hoped that such reinforcements will be sent to the Mission as will enable it to adequately look after the children of the Church who have strayed into that distant portion and are so insistent in their calls for help.

For the first time in its history the Mission was favored with fraternal delegates from the Presbyterian Mission in Japan proper. The delegates were the Rev. Dr. J. B. Hail and Rev. F. S. Curtis. The Mission was most happy to receive these gentlemen and voted to send a delegate to the meeting of the Japan Mission next summer. It is hoped that in this way the two Missions may be brought to know each other better and, understanding the problems peculiar to each, be mutually helpful in the solution of them.

The Mission decided to issue a pamphlet for the benefit of travellers, these to be placed on the trans-Pacific ships and other places, with a view to giving such travellers some information as to the location of the Missions and some facts concerning them.

The year under review was one in which the Korean Church passed through troubled waters but that the church came through its trials so splendidly is a magnificent testimony to the essential character of that church. There have been losses in some respects but the figures show that on the whole the year has been one of steady advance. The number of communicants now stands at 42,913, an increase over last year of nearly 10%. The total number of adherents is about four thousand less than last year due in part, at least, to the trials of the year which caused many of the new believers to fall off and prevented the usual number of new decisions. In two years the native pastors have increased from 23 to 53, and the organized churches from 78 to 135 or about 80%. The number of primary schools decreased by 51 and yet the number of students in the schools increased exactly 100. The school contributions also increased 20% over last year. For building and repairs there is a decrease, but for church and congregational expenses a gain of 33 1/3%, the total amount

being 56,000 *yen*, 10,400 *yen* were contributed for Home and Foreign Missions, a gain of 85% over last year.

The losses of the year of trial have therefore been more than met by the gains and the Mission has every reason to take courage and look forward to the future with hope and gladness.

CHARLES F. BERNHEISEL.

NOTES OF WOMEN'S EVANGELISTIC WORK IN THE METHODIST MISSION, NORTH.

(CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER NUMBER).

PYENG YANG.

Pyeng Yang Union Academy:—

Miss Haynes and Miss Benedict report that the past year, from April 1, 1912 to April 1, 1913, has been the most satisfactory year in the history of the school in many ways in spite of the change of curriculum. It has been such a delight to have, after so many years, our two fine new buildings. There have been 216 pupils enrolled, of whom 60 were Methodists. During the fall and winter terms, one third of the pupils in the entire school and one half of the pupils in the dormitory were Methodists. A fine spirit of love and helpfulness among all the girls has been manifested. Seventy-seven people have been housed in a dormitory built for 60, 21 have been in a little Korean house near by, and several others have boarded with a teacher. The Board of Control has recently asked the Presbyterian Mission to supply another dormitory.

Stoves, with pipes out of the windows, had again to be used to heat the recitation building as the heating-plant did not come till spring.

On March 7, seven young women, two of whom were Methodists, were graduated. Both of our girls have since been married, one to a preacher, the other to the teacher of a boys' school, she herself teaching a girls' school. The Presbyterian graduates are all teaching.

By the self-help department, about 40 girls have been enabled to stay in school. Eleven have taught a half day in primary schools and the rest have done hand-work, including embroidery, crocheting, knitting, making of Korean suits and foreign underwear, and weaving rag rugs. This year, Miss Snook with many other duties, has also supervised this department, but one lady to give her entire time to it is much needed. At the close of the school year in March, an industrial exhibit of work done both at home and in the self-help department was held. One mother was so delighted to learn that the students could sew that she not only sent her own daughter to our school but also persuaded others in her town to do the same.

Our great need, so far as the Methodist side is concerned, is money for

furnishing and equipping the recitation building. We have no apparatus for teaching science, not enough teacher's desks and chairs, very little blackboard, and, in fact, there is very little of anything except the building and the girls, of both of which we are very proud. We have been granted \$200 for seats and are very thankful but it is far from enough to furnish seats for the building. All of the Korean teachers except the teacher of Chinese are graduates of the school, and all are loyal and splendidly helpful.

We thank those who have remembered us with boxes, which are such a help at Christmas time and in our self-help department.

Our evangelistic efforts, which have been a privilege and an inspiration, have consisted of assisting in the evangelistic work in connection with one of the city chapels and in places outside of the city, house to house visitation, teaching in the Bible Classes, and three country trips, full of interest.

In Central Church, *Mrs. Morris* has had charge of the evangelistic work for women. This has included teaching in the Women's Sunday School, charge of the Children's Sunday School, weekly Bible Class and Teachers' Meeting, and oversight of the Bible-women.

In this church there are about 700 women, 220 children in the Children's Sunday School, and 350 babies on the Cradle Roll. The Bible-woman, Kim Sadie, and, during the fall months, the pastor's wife, have together made 3,057 calls for the year. Sadie also led 82 prayer-meetings, taught 2 weeks in the country Bible Institute, and did all of the work of the Cradle Roll. She reports 108 names of women who have come into the church thru her efforts this year. She has also served as president of the Ladies' Aid Society, which supports a Bible-woman.

Mrs. Morris has also taught in the five Bible Institutes held in Pyeng Yang this winter and, by various classes, has helped to answer the demand for English.

We must copy *Mrs. Billing's* report almost verbatim. She writes: "Last fall when a traveller asked me whether I was a missionary or only a missionary's wife, I resented the remark. Since that time I have been forced to realize that I have been more of a hindrance than a help this year, not, however, because I changed my name but because I didn't have children's diseases as a child. When she dropped her little slur on married ladies, I had great plans for the year's work. True, my plans were different from what they had been before God sent us the "precious gift," as the Koreans so beautifully put it, of our little Paul, but no less missionary work. There seems to be nothing that Korean women are more eager to learn and nothing they need to know more than how to take care of their little ones. Mothers' meetings with practical demonstrations, in which I proved my theories—and also revised them—sometimes linked with house to house visitation better to understand their needs were part of the program, only a part of which has been accomplished.

The last of September, when Paul was only four months old, we went to Yeng Byen to help in their fall class. Seventy-six women studied and their bright, eager faces were a great inspiration to me, especially when I found that some of them had come 100 miles.

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I got home just one week before our class [in Pyeng Yang] was to begin, but was privileged to teach only 3 days before I had to go into quarantine with scarlet fever. . . . It was a time of special blessing to the "shut-ins" as we learned over again the lessons of prayer. It seemed as tho the windows of heaven were just waiting for our petition before the blessing was poured out on whomsoever we remembered before the throne. Mr. Billing's helper would come home from a service which we had especially on our hearts and I could hear him say as he stood outside my window, "I knew you were remembering us for we had such a blessing!" Or some person whom we had been particularly bearing up by name would suddenly show such zeal that the Christians would remark about it; or a Bible class miles away would be the best in the experience of the teacher. What a privilege and responsibility is ours as intercessors.

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Because of a heart complication, I had to stay in bed 14 weeks, so that I practically slept thru the winter, coming out just in time for the spring class; and what a good one we did have! I had the brightest women I have seen yet in Korea; it was more like teaching a Bible class at home. Several took very legible notes and were able to do research work, and, at the close, about a dozen hadn't made a mistake in either the class work or the final.

Following immediately after this class, we opened a special class for a month which has been called our Chatauqua. The courses include a little arithmetic, writing, geography, teacher-training (Psychology or How to train children—as you like), and Bible. I taught the elementary psychology, using Oliver's "The Pupil" as a basis and adapting it to Korean life. It was an interesting study to see how eager the women were to understand the child mind, how and when habits are formed, the power of play, and how to use this knowledge in teaching the child. I am translating this for publication and hope that others many find it as helpful as I have.

Just before school opened, both the Laura Arner and Edward M. Blake schools lost their teachers. . . . The attendance fell off while temporary teachers held the fort; but the pupils have come back into the Edward Blake school and it has grown from 12 to 45, so that a new building is needed. This school is in a very wicked place and it has made possible a church there which is doing nicely."

Miss Robbins, after four months of rest and change in the homeland,

again felt eager for work and found it upon her return to Pyeng Yang first in the fall Bible Institute for women.

The 100 women in attendance were divided into 7 grades with 4 periods to each grade. All available persons, men and women, foreign and native were pressed into service. The spring Institute had over 200 women in attendance; Mrs. Morris took charge and everybody helped.

During the winter, Miss Robbins held Bible classes at Kang Sa and Chinnampo. At Kang Sa, in spite of the exceedingly cold weather and uncomfortable meeting-place, the class was well attended and four or five volunteered for the yearly tithing class instituted by Miss Estey. At Chinnampo a rapidly growing sea-port, we have one of the most flourishing churches in our work outside of Pyengyang city. Miss Benedict assisted by teaching lessons from the Life of Christ. 100 women were enrolled.

This year it seemed best to hold the Yeng Byen and Pyeng Yang Tithing Classes here. Mrs. Morris, Miss Robbins, and Miss Shaffer taught the 20 women in attendance. These then went out to various country places to pass on what they had learned. Words are utterly inadequate to tell the value of the work accomplished or to picture the still greater need. Eight Day Schools:—In order to meet the educational requirements of to-day it has been considered wise to have fewer schools and to make those in the central places of a better grade. Hence in Pyengyang, the Ku Kol school has been united with our main school having an enrollment of 180 with 4 teachers. At Chinnampo, owing to necessary changes in the teaching force, the number of pupils in regular attendance is smaller than last year but the spirit of the school is excellent. The head teacher is an Ewha graduate whose work is a credit to her Alma Mater. She has started a King's Daughters Circle among the older girls.

The school at Kang Sa as in practically all the places is in good condition and shows a steady growth—60 girls enrolled. In order to meet the requirements in the teaching of Japanese, it has been necessary to resort to various expedients. For this school we fortunately secured a Korean young man of excellent character, the husband of one of our Union Academy graduates. By enlisting the co-operation of some of the most earnest women of the church, he has greatly increased and improved the religious instruction of his pupils.

The 40 girls at Chyeng San meet in an uncomfortable room, 20 by 8 ft. There being no money on hand to help to better quarters and the people themselves being very poor, the school girls themselves have undertaken to raise money by making useful articles for sale.

At one village, the little school was to be discontinued but a leader of the church in the next village came pleading that it be continued by uniting the school work of the two villages.

Christmas boxes as always call forth much gratitude as they give no end of happiness and enjoyment to all who receive the gifts.

DEPARTMENT FOR THE BLIND AND THE DEAF.

Dr. R. S. Hall, who directs this work, reports a total registration for the year of 39, of which number 10 are deaf-mute boys; 35 are doing primary work and 4 blind girls are in the Union Academy. Of the primary students also, a number are studying with the seeing children in various grades of Miss Robbin's and Mr. Billing's day schools. One of the new blind girls comes from the extreme south being supported by Dr. McLaren of the Australian Presbyterian Mission. She was a beggar girl with her hair cut short but is proving a bright student. One young man of 22 years studied with us during the winter but had to return home for farm work in the spring. Two little boys got homesick and went home. The last deaf boy to enter is the son of a blind sorceress; he is supported by the Junior League of Ridgefield, Conn., in memory of Mr. N. L. Rockwell.

Two of the deaf-mute girls married last year. It just happens that all 5 of our deaf-mute girls belong to Presbyterian families.

We make use of our pupils, both deaf and blind, in embossing and binding the text-books for the blind; but, as we were put to it during school hours recently, in getting out an edition of 32 copies of John, for someone big enough to work the press which goes by hand-power, we seized upon An Soon-goomie, a big but hitherto useless because feeble-minded blind girl. When she found that she could turn the crank, she delighted not only herself but us also as it gives us some hope for her future mental development.

One of our pressing needs has been generously supplied this year by the American Bible Society. We are grateful to Dr. Haven for sending and to Mr. Beck for setting up the long-wished for stereograph. The Bible Societies will give us the money we need for embossing the Scriptures and, for a "nominal rent" we are privileged to use the stereograph for embossing the other much-needed school text-books. But as yet we have no fund for them and must be content with making but two copies at a time on the kleidograph. When we can make these latter in the needed quantities, another of my ideals can be realized that of having our pupils (who come to us from all parts of Korea) after finishing their special preparatory course with us continue their studies at the registered mission school or government school nearest their homes.

The Government General has promised to supply us with all the text-books embossed in Japanese that we shall need. Since there has been some delay in getting these out, we have not waited but sent early to Japan for a hand-writing tablet and have embossed a few copies of each text-book for the study of the Japanese language used in our other schools. So already our blind pupils are studying Japanese as well as other subjects together with normal children.

Pleasant visits have been made to our school and much interest in it shown by a number of notable Japanese and by members of the Sunday School party *en route* for Zurich. Mr. Frank L. Brown secured a

picture of the blind girl who is supported by a class in his Sunday School.

Beside learning to make kimchi, to cook, wash, iron, clean, sew, mend, and knit, and make baskets, our pupils are this year making straw hassocks and the straw-shoes commonly worn in Korea. They also assist in the proof-reading and binding of their own text-books, one deaf boy is serving an apprenticeship with a Korean photographer, and the smaller boys all work at gardening and go on errands. So they get a fairly complete industrial training.

O Prudence, who was our very first pupil, has been economically saving for several years from her small salary as pupil-teacher and now goes at her own expense, first, to Mrs. Van Petten's school in Yokohama to perfect her Japanese and later to the Government school for the blind at Tokyo to take the normal course. Chyun Quang Myong who takes her place in our school is also a fine girl. She reads and writes Korean, Japanese, Chinese, and English; has a good mathematical mind; sews, and does all kinds of housework; knits many useful articles, makes baskets, straw-shoes, and mats; and plays the organ.

I am contemplating sending also Chyo Fanny, a senior in Union Academy, to join Prudence at Tokyo and I hope after their return, to make some arrangement for Quang Myong also. When these girls return to us there will be no reason why we should not keep up to a high mark our special department for the blind without much oversight from the foreigner.

KOANG HYOE NYO WON,—WOMAN'S HOSPITAL OF EXTENDED GRACE.

The work of this hospital is divided between Drs. Hall and Cutler as follows:—Dr. Cutler has the superintendency of the hospital and Nurses Training School, care of the in-patients, and the keeping of all accounts; Dr. Hall's part is the daily dispensary clinics, the out-calls, and helping with the operations; and the direction of the School for the Blind and the Deaf. Both doctors have periods of teaching the Medical Class.

In spite of many drawbacks during the year, such as Dr. Hall's illness and the closing up of Dr. Cutler's work in Seoul and its removal to Pyengyang, they are both encouraged by the amount of success they have had and anticipate much greater success in the year to come. They report: nearly 8,000 cases treated in the Dispensary, 101 out-calls made, and 182 patients cared for in the hospital a total of 4,111 days; total receipts, including all gifts and the fees of the medical students,—2,627.94 *yen* or \$1,313.97 which is \$194.00 more than was appropriated for their work by the Society for the year 1912.

One nurse graduated from the Training School. When Dr. Cutler was transferred to Pyeng Yang, she had to take the School with her and continue its supervision till the East Gate Hospital was sufficiently finished to house it and Miss Anderson had had a few months language study before assuming its superintendency.

Five bright, enthusiastic young women are diligently pursuing the

first year studies of a Medical Course. All are graduates of either Ewha Haktang, Seoul, or the Union Academy, Pyengyang, and each has taught from 2 to 4 years.

We are sincerely thankful for a goodly number of conversions among our patients; the generous sympathy and assistance, financial and otherwise, of our many friends here both within the Mission and without; and for gifts of money and several Christmas boxes of most acceptable supplies from the homeland.

SEVERANCE COLLEGE; DOING THINGS TOGETHER.

Some time ago while conversing with Dr. O. R. Avison, senior, physician in Severance Hospital, and Union Medical College, on the general topic of Christian Union, he dropped the significant remark, "The way to realize Christian Union, is by doing things together." It is refreshing to observe that the doctor has taken his own medicine, and is demonstrating before our eyes the truth of his observation, above quoted. The past year has been most significant in the history of Severance Union Medical College! Though the new building has been practically completed, it must needs be materially altered, in order to accommodate a great increase in the resident faculty, for nearly all the Missions working in Korea have suddenly awaked to a realization of the necessity of a Christian Medical Profession in this land, and at some sacrifice are facing the problem for its accomplishment.

The importance of the well trained Korean doctor, in the development of the mission hospital work, is being appreciated in many stations, and clinics have greatly increased through their aid. Missions are now willing to consider these men able to help out on furlough and other vacancies, to an extent hardly to be expected three years ago. Moreover, it is the hope and expectation, that this training will become more and more thorough.

During the past year the teaching has been done by three resident foreign and three native physicians, with the assistance of as many more foreigners residing in central Korea. Recently, however, the Northern Methodist Mission decided to transfer Dr. J. D. Van Buskirk from Kongju to Seoul, in order that he may give his full time to the college. He will have charge of the departments of Physiology and Therapeutics, and will have oversight of the medical clinic. The Southern Presbyterian Mission has given us Dr. K. S. Oh, a Korean physician who has been educated in America, and was formerly stationed at Kunsan; he will probably take the departments of Anatomy and Histology, with some clinical assignment in addition. We were made glad, recently, by a cablegram confirming the appointment of Dr. N. H. Bowman, by the Southern Methodist Mission. Dr. Bowman was a practicing specialist in the diseases of the eye, ear, nose, and throat, before he came to Korea, and it is

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most fitting that he shall conduct this department in the medical school. Dr. R. H. Mills has also been set aside by the Northern Presbyterian Mission, for work in the college. He will have the departments of Bacteriology and Pathology; supervise the Clinical Laboratory, and prosecute research work in Korean diseases. A preliminary year has recently been added to the curriculum, in which Biology, Physics, Chemistry, higher Arithmetic, and the Japanese and English languages have been taught. Hereafter, these subjects will be taught by trained teachers in the John D. Wells Academy, which will give more time to the resident medical faculty for the strictly medical courses.

A most encouraging feature of the work is a growing and general realization of the value of Christian Native Physicians in the native church. The Southern Methodist Mission, by means of a system of scholarships, has made it possible for a number of their medical students, to go through school, to be given a year as interne in one of their hospitals, and be established in business on terms that are very reasonable indeed! An authority on Church matters in Japan, recently made the statement that it was his great regret, and that of the church in Japan, that there is no Christian medical school or hospital connected with his Mission, and that through failure to make medical work a permanent institution, they had made a colossal mistake!

Surely Severance Union Medical College is taking the lead for the prevention of a similar catastrophe in Korea!

I knew a prominent physician in central New York, who had a passion for addressing infant classes in Sunday Schools, who in one of his talks to the tots, defined for them a contagious disease as, "A disease which is propagated by contiguity, and superinduced by contact." If disease is contagious, it is encouraging to know, that health and health processes are contagious as well, especially the method of "Doing things together," so that with several of the staff of Severance Hospital participating in the recent annual Presbyterian Mission meeting in Pyeng Yang, it was natural, if not inevitable, that the meeting should not have broken up without first appointing a committee, of which Dr. Avison was chairman, to confer with the Methodist Mission, north, and to ascertain whether it is not possible to consolidate the Methodist and the Presbyterian medical interests in Pyeng Yang, to the end that henceforth, *they* too, may do things together.

A. F. D.

HAIJU DISTRICT BIBLE CLASS.

From August 20th to 27th a Bible Study Class was held in the church here, which was attended by preachers, exhorters, class-leaders, Bible women and others, from different parts of the East and West circuits, in addition to some of the Haiju members. One hundred and fifty-five were enrolled, ninety-six men and fifty-nine women. A special feature of the class was the hour for the male students of the Government Norman

Class then being held in the city. These could not attend in the morning, and they had requested that Mr. Billings should meet them in the afternoon for Bible study. This was arranged, and eighteen of these students were enrolled; others joined them, making an average attendance of forty-five. This afforded a wonderful opportunity, not only for Bible study (though the value of this cannot be over estimated) but also for coming into personal contact with so many of the young men, upon whom the future of the country so largely depends.

Every morning, Mr. Hunt of Chairyung conducted the devotional hour, from 7-45 to 8/30, when study began, and was continued until 12/30. In the first division (for preachers and exhorters) Mr. Billings taught 1st Corinthians, Mr. Hunt 1st Timothy, Mr. Morris Romans, and Hong Moksa, the native pastor, Isaiah. In the second division (for class leaders, Bible women, etc.) Mr. Grove taught "The Life of Christ," "Mr. Morris, Amos, Mr. Hunt, 1st Peter, and Mr. Chew, Philippians. In the afternoon, Dr. Norton gave occasional talks on "First Aid to the Injured."

Each evening, Mr. Billings conducted an evangelistic service in the church compound, when there were fine congregations, including many unbelievers who stood around to listen. We were thankful for the lovely weather, which not only enabled those from such long distances to travel comfortably, but also made it possible for the services to be held outside. It would have been quite impossible to get into the church! The subjects chosen by Mr. Billings were most helpful and the addresses will long be remembered for their intense interest and spirituality. They were a source of profit and inspiration to Koreans and foreigners alike. "Sin," "The Necessity of the New Birth," "Hindrances to Prayer," "The Danger of Delay," "The Work of The Holy Spirit," "Christ our Life," "The Final Triumph of Jesus"—were the subjects chosen.

On the closing evening a testimony meeting was held, and after a short message from Mr. Billings, over thirty men and women rose one by one to speak of great blessing and inspiration received during the hours of study and worship. It was noteworthy that in connection with EACH of the subjects taken, testimony was given to blessing received, and special allusions were made to the evening gatherings, which had been times of heart searching. Some had come to the class discouraged, and perhaps growing lax in service—these were returning to their churches and country groups with new hope and courage, and with awakened consciences, to realize more fully the opportunities that were theirs. Others had learned lessons of love, patience, trust and obedience. Others again, spoke of victory over the Evil One, and a fresh and fuller consecration. All testified to the joy of study and of meeting with so many believers, and gave thanks for the privilege. In one case a husband and wife had studied together. From one weak place six had come to the class. Many more were ready and anxious to testify, when the meeting had to be closed on account of the lateness of the hour. It was felt by all that this time of Bible study had been the means of uniting Haiju and every

church and group in the East and West circuits more closely together in a common bond of love and earnest service for the Master, "Whose we are, and Whom we serve." For His presence and blessing manifested, we give thanks.

JANE BARLOW.

OUR MISSIONARY REST HOME.—A HISTORY AND A HOPE.

First, the History—For several years Miss Julia E. Pinder conducted a Missionary Rest Home in the city of Seoul so acceptably and successfully, that it came to be regarded as a necessary accessory for the accomplishment of our missionary work; consequently, one year ago, or more, when Miss Pinder's lease, of a somewhat inadequate house, expired, and she was unable to renew it, and also discovered later, that suitable accommodations for her work were absolutely unobtainable in our city, and she actually set forth for India in response to a call for similar service there, where such homes are not uncommon, our missionary community awoke startled and alarmed at the prospect of being deprived of an institution which it had come to consider as really a part of itself.

Some of our readers may not realize fully the situation, and so understand how very desirable, if not necessary, to the missionaries is such a "Home." Nearly all our missionaries occasionally have personal reasons for visiting this capital city. Besides, a large number frequent the place during the annual meetings every fall, and also convocations held at other seasons—that such sojourners may be received into a congenial house, and suitably entertained at a price little exceeding the actual cost, is a gracious provision indeed.

The alternative is to repair to the only available hotel with uncongenial accessories, and at three times the expense; unless they are cared for in the homes of missionaries, who, as a rule, are already too heavily laden with their ordinary burdens.

Further,—not infrequently missionaries become disabled; surgical operations become necessary, or other proper treatment, to prevent the breakdown of the worker, and the necessity of his return to his native land. Severance Hospital may be regarded as an institution of the first class, with the exception that it has totally inadequate housing for missionaries during periods of convalescence, and for their loved ones, who wish to be near them during the crisis periods in the hospital. Such patients are increasingly coming to the hospital from all quarters of Korea, not only, but also from Japan proper, and from other distant places. When to all this is added the fact that Seoul now lies on the route of the world tourist—that not a few of these are Christian people who really long for the atmosphere and associations of such a "Home;" not only that they may rest, but much more that they may be made acquainted with the work of Christian Missions in Seoul and in Korea, by receiving information, and by having clues placed in their hands; and above all by

catching more vitally the spirit of this greatest of world enterprises ; this feature alone, makes such a place desirable.

Second,—Our Hope for a Rest Home. One year ago when the missionary community awoke to the danger of actually losing our "Home," the annual September meetings were being held in the city. All interested were called together and the situation made plain, whereupon a committee was immediately appointed, and instructed to devise a plan, and if possible to report the same evening. Both these things were done. The scheme presented for raising funds involved three series of shares ; A, B, and C shares, each for one hundred *yen*, or fifty dollars ; A and C shares were to be gifts, with the difference that A shares carried with them the management and responsibility for building and operating the "Home," and B shares were investment shares, to bear 5 percent interest during the period of the Home's operation. As to rates of entertainment to be charged, subscribers to shares, were to be the more favored class. Such a united and heroic effort was made to secure funds for this purpose, and to retain the services of Miss Pinder, that within two days, 20,000 *yen* or \$10,000 in gold were subscribed, which was believed to be adequate for the construction of a suitable building upon a fit lot.

The committee was continued and augmented, and instructed to push the enterprise. After a painstaking effort to determine the most eligible site, the committee unanimously agreed that it is located on the Severance Hospital compound. Inasmuch as this property belongs to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in New York, negotiations, because of the distance, have been, necessarily, slow and tedious.

Recently, however, an understanding has been reached, and an offer made by the Presbyterian Board, to rent said lot for a nominal sum, to carry a Rest Home for ninety-nine years, under conditions which the committee deems fair and reasonable.

A call was issued by the committee to the friends of the enterprise, during the recent September meetings in Seoul, to convene on the evening of September 13th, and hear its report. Such meeting was held, and report rendered, the gist of which is given above, to which, however, must be added the fact that Miss Pinder has not consented to return. The report of progress was accepted, and the committee requested to prosecute the work.

The outlook, at present, is hopeful. If the Presbyterian Board's offer is accepted, we shall be excused from outlay for a building site, which will largely compensate for the loss of one heavy subscription, which was conditioned on Miss Pinder's return. Inasmuch as this generous lady not only freely gave her services, but put money into the work, it becomes more desirable than ever to raise additional money through outright gifts, or the purchase of non-interest bearing shares, thus to retire as many as possible of the shares which draw interest. If all these latter shares could thus be eliminated, it would greatly further the enterprise. Are there not some other friends who would like to help toward this Missionary Rest Home?

ALLEN F. DECAMP, Chairman of Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE KOREAN RELIGIOUS TRACT SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of the Korean Religious Tract Society took place at the Central Presbyterian Church, Seoul, on Friday, Sept. 12th, and there was a large attendance. Rev. H. G. Underwood, D.D., L.L.D., chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided, and the meeting was made noteworthy by the presence of Rev. J. Darroch, Litt. D., the representative of the London Religious Tract Society in China.

Mr. Hugh Miller presented the Treasurer's report for year ending June 30th, 1913, which showed a praiseworthy increase of income and a careful expenditure of the funds. The income from sales showed an increase of 46% on the previous year and only 360 *yen* of current liabilities remain unpaid. There was much satisfaction expressed at the announcement that nearly 10,000 *yen* of old debt has been cleared off in less than three years.

The Manager's report was equally encouraging showing, as it did, substantial increases in all departments. The ordinary circulation for the year has risen above 1,000,000 copies for the first time in the history of the Society, and there are many indications of a continued growth in the coming years. A good deal of special work has also been accomplished during the year, including the circulation of a million picture tracts for the Distribution Fund of Los Angeles. These tracts have been greatly valued in every part of the field and many conversions have taken place through their use. The preparation and issue of seven series of Graded Lessons for Sunday Schools have also entailed much labor and thought. A varied series of Reward Cards, Report blanks, Certificates, and other Sunday School requisites have also been introduced during the year to meet the demands of organized Sunday Schools that are now rapidly increasing, and have been received with favor.

Dr. Darroch moved the adoption of the report in a felicitous address, characterising it as the most satisfactory and encouraging report that he had heard at any meeting of a Tract Society. He urged the wisdom of making a well-balanced preparation of publications to meet what is bound to be a speedily growing demand for Christian books, and heartily commended the proposal that the several Missions represented in Korea should share in providing funds for the management expenses.

After the adoption of the report a recommendation of the Board of Trustees to the effect that the different Missions be asked to appropriate proportionate yearly amounts in aid of the Tract Society's Executive Fund was approved and the meeting closed with the singing of the doxology.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSION OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

The Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Korea Mission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was called to order by Bishop W. B. Murrah at 9.00 a.m., Sept. 17th, 1913, in the residence formerly occupied by Rev. J. L. Gardine, Seoul, Korea.

When the roll was called forty-two answered to their names. The presence of the following who have arrived on the field since last annual meeting was noted, and they were presented to the meeting: J. R. Turner, Mrs. Turner, F. G. Vesey, Mrs. Vesey, Bert A Powell, Mrs. Powell, Miss Oliver, Miss Owings, Miss Graham, Miss Eva Hardie and Miss Bessie Hardie.

One of the first questions of interest which was brought before the meeting was a resolution to the effect that a mission station be opened at Chulwon which is the strategic centre of our territory. After considerable discussion the resolution was passed by a substantial majority.

It was decided that the special order of the day for Saturday, 11.30 a.m. be the hearing of reports from the Union Theological School. When the appointed time arrived Bishop Harris, Dr. Noble, and Mr. Demming represented the case for the Northern Methodists, and urgently requested that two men from our mission be appointed to give their whole time as professors in the Theological School. No definite action was taken but Bishop Murrah promised to lay the matter before the Board at home.

The question of who shall compose the voting membership of the annual meeting was referred to a committee, and when this report was submitted it was recommended that new missionaries be granted the privilege of voting after two years' residence on the field provided they have passed their first year's examination: and that wives of missionaries be allowed to vote if they have fulfilled the above conditions and are assigned to definite work.

The committee appointed to confer with the members of the northern Presbyterian Mission in Seoul with regard to Bible Institute work for women, recommended that we take part in the work with them if satisfactory plans can be made. Our relations to the Northern Methodists in this work are under consideration.

In the report of the commission on policy it was recommended that as speedily as possible two more men and three more single women be sent out for evangelistic work, making a total of fifteen men and fifteen women (including those on furlough) and supplying a constant working force of twelve men and twelve women for this branch of the work. No new educational workers were asked for, since it was thought that we have sufficient force to do the work as it is now planned.

It was recommended that three additional physicians be sent to Korea by our Board, in order that after the present vacancy in Choon Chun has been provided for, one additional physician may be appointed to the medical work at both Songdo and Wonsan, which two stations shall

then alternately supply absences in our medical staff, it being understood that Severance Medical College shall provide for vacancies occurring in that appointment of our mission. We are glad to say that while the annual meeting was in session, a cablegram was received from the Board saying they were sending Dr. W. C. Mayes of La Veta, Colo. to take charge of the medical work at Choon Chun and that he will come immediately.

Our system of scholarships is being revised and the better plan of self-help is being instituted in our boarding schools.

While we have not made an increase in numbers this year, our figures show a marked increase in contributions and we hope to show a greater increase next year.

Rev. J. R. Moose was transferred from Songdo to Seoul and will occupy the house recently occupied by Mr. Gerdine.

We are glad to have such strong workers as Mr. and Mrs. Collyer and Mr. and Mrs. Wasson return to us from furlough at this time. Mr. Collyer was appointed to Wonsan and Mr. Wasson to Songdo.

Our New Missionaries are Mr. Bert A. Powell, Wife and Baby, from Stotesbury Mo., Miss Agnes Graham from Comanche, Tex., and Misses Eva and Bessie Hardie of Seoul. Mr. and Mrs. Powell are appointed to Choon Chun, Miss Graham to Songdo and the Misses Hardie to Seoul where they have brought great happiness to their parents Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Hardie.

In our Korea Mission at present we have fifty-six missionaries, counting the married women, but not the children. When the new workers asked for, arrive on the field, we will feel that we have a sufficient number to work the territory assigned to us.

Our missionaries from Wonsan extended a cordial invitation to the meeting to have its next session there and the invitation was accepted. The date of meeting will probably be changed to the latter part of August.

The novel and interesting reception given to the members of the mission by Mrs. Brockman and Mrs. Snyder will not be forgotten soon by those who were fortunate enough to be present and we wish to extend to them our appreciation and thanks.

After the appointments were read and the usual routine business of the meeting was attended to, we adjourned on Thursday night Sep. 25th, at ten-thirty, with the benediction by Bishop Murrah.

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